

REMARKS

The Non-final Office Action dated August 21, 2006 has been fully considered and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 1, 16-18, 28, 29, and 39 have been amended. Claim 42 has been canceled. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-41 are pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of the allowability of claims 2-15, 17-28, 31-38 and 42.

Claims 1 and 29 were objected to for containing a typographical error. Claims 1 and 29 have been amended. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 16, 29, 30 and 39-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Krishnaprasad (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0099687). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action indicates the allowability of claim 2-15, 17-28, 31-38, and 42 if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate features of claims 3, 4, or 5; claim 16 has been amended to incorporate features of claims 17 or 18; claim 29 has been amended to incorporate features of claim 31, 32, or 33; claim 30 depends from allowable claim 29; claim 39 has been amended to incorporate features of claim 42; and claims 40 and 41 depend from allowable claim 39.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted the rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendment and remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above

Application is requested. Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully requests that

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the pending claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

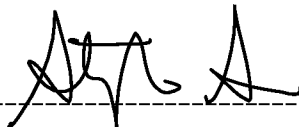
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